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1. Executive Summary

This report is the third annual report of the Ontario Rural Research and Services Committee (ORRSC). In 1998, ORRSC set four priorities for rural research and services for a 4-year period. As an interim year in this cycle, there was a review and confirmation of the four priority areas. Based on current issues identified barriers, the information needs within those four priority areas were adjusted.

The priorities are:

- A. *Economic Development: The need to strengthen economic growth and entrepreneurship in rural Ontario with a focus on regional development rather than business development. Environmental and social concerns should be integrated with economic development – not segregated. An "asset view" of rural, as an expanded view of economic development should be explored.*
- B. *Response to Change and Restructuring: The need to understand, facilitate and assist rural communities as they plan for and act in response to change and restructuring. There is a need to address "innovation" which is a driver and essence of change.*
- C. *Capacity Building: The need to understand community capacity building and enhance rural leadership, organization and community management. There is a need to measuring the progress in rural; benchmarking is vital.*
- D. *Information Technology: The need to understand the roles of, and promote the availability and use of information technology in rural Ontario. There is a need to understand the implications of increased or lack of access to information technology in rural Ontario.*

2. Introduction

The Ontario Rural Research and Services Committee (ORRSC) was created under the umbrella of the Ontario Agricultural Services Coordinating Committee (OASCC) system in response to the increased recognition of the diverse nature of rural Ontario and the interdependency of healthy rural communities, sustainable agriculture and local economic development. The committee met in 1998 and presented its four-year strategic directions report in January 1999. This is the third annual report of the Ontario Rural Research and Services Committee and fourth year of operation as a committee.

The committee membership is a cross section of rural organizations related to economic development, the research community and three levels of government. For example, The Ontario Rural Council (TORC) is a member of the committee. TORC represents over 35 rural organizations and has a mandate to monitor issues in rural Ontario. They host three issue forums and one conference annually. At each of these venues, research and information needs are profiled.

3. Mandate

The mandate of the Rural Research and Services Committee is to identify and prioritize future research and service needs that affect the sustainability of the economic, social and environmental conditions of rural Ontario as determined by Ontario rural stakeholders.

4. Sector Scan

Major Accomplishments Last Year

The Sustainable Rural Communities Research (SRC) Program at the University of Guelph had 12 active rural projects and 1 completed project during 2001.

The SRC project which was completed was:

1. *"Rural Restructuring's Impact on the Agricultural Communities Voice in Local Governance in Renfrew County"* - Dean Donaldson project (#25390)

The Special Research Program had 4 active and 4 completed projects:

1. *"Maintaining Rural Road Infrastructure - Where are We Now, Where Do We Want to Go from Here?"* - Todd Gordon project (#SR9052)
2. *"Rural Community Research Inventory"* - Mark Waldron project (#SR9066)
2. *"Sustainability in the Ontario Processed Vegetable Industry"* - Clarence Swanton and Ellen Wall project (#SR9046)
4. *"Phosphorus Removal from Septic Wastewater"* - Chris Kinsley project (SR#9021)

See appendices for complete lists of SRC and Special Research Projects.

OMAFRA, in cooperation with the University of Guelph, organized a Rural Research update session in Guelph, January 29th, 2002, for staff and stakeholder, at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute. There were six presentations and approximately 35 participants.

The Changing Rural Landscape

Public Service Sector

Rural Ontario has a diversified economy (no one industry or more than one industry represents over 20% of the employment); however, the diversity varies across rural Ontario. Regional opportunities vary with the proximity to an urban area, the natural landscape amenities, the telecommunications infrastructure, the transportation network, and the skilled labour force among other factors.

The one continuing trend is the realignment of local services and consolidation of municipal structures to create efficiencies. For the majority of rural townships and municipalities, amalgamations have been completed and many of the key changes stemming from Local Service Realignment have taken effect. Local administrators and leaders are turning their attention to longer term questions - community strategic planning, corporate strategic planning, the implementation of provincial directives and regulations, managing infrastructure

requirements and the preparation of economic development plans. A new Municipal Act has been introduced. Smart Growth panels have recently been announced by the Province.

Changing demographics in rural Ontario will drive municipal and community planning to provide adequate, affordable and reasonable levels of services over the next few years.

The local and regional health systems are dealing with a new reality of criteria that threaten the usual service patterns in some rural communities. Several communities have declared themselves as under-serviced with doctors and other health care professionals. Communities are competing for ways to attract new personnel with municipally or privately owned clinics to balance the low attraction of doctors to some rural areas.

Business Sector

In the next few years, North American vehicle sales are likely to stabilize in the 16 million vehicle sales range and limit Ontario's export growth to the U.S. Ongoing restructuring may also impact both assembly and parts production. The health of the Ontario auto industry is important to other industries such as steel, plastics and rubber.

The Information and Communication Technologies sector is shifting from manufacturing to services and its product mix is moving from personal computers to Internet hand-held devices and set-top boxes.

Growth in the construction industry is spurred by major commercial and institutional projects and renewed spending on infrastructure.

The weak Canadian dollar in the late 90s lured more Americans to travel to Ontario, while encouraging Ontarians to stay in province. Total Ontario tourism revenues in 2001 are expected to increase 2.1% over the previous year, down from a 5.7% increase in 2000. The following two years are expected to bring stronger tourism related revenues, with increases of 3% and 4% for 2002 and 2003 respectively. Travel of Ontarians to all destinations is expected to increase steadily over the next three years.

The face of Ontario's agri-food industry continues to change and is the largest and the most diversified in Canada, marketing more than 200 agricultural commodities with an estimated on-farm production value of nearly \$7.6 billion in 2000. With the value of food shipments reaching \$23.4 billion in 1997, the agriculture and food sector is the second largest manufacturing sector in the Ontario economy. There are 84,000 employees in the food processing sector, 250,000 jobs in the foodservice industry and 135,000 jobs in food retailing.

The Accommodation, Food and Beverage Service Sector was among the top five in rural employment growth between 1995 and 1998. The Ontario food processing industry is expected to experience slow but steady growth in the coming year.

Some farm sector practices and plans for expansion are being challenged by societal expectations regarding health and safety issues.

Some school boards are dealing with recommended school closures and the adjustment of school boundaries to meet their funding criteria. In rural communities this poses a great concern to families due to the greater distances students will be expected to travel. Rural

5. Report of Action taken regarding 2000 Recommendations

Recommendation #1: To recognize "Economic Development" as the top priority for research funds in the upcoming year.

Response: Research funds were allocated accordingly in the past year.

Recommendation #2: To continue to cross-reference rural research needs with the federal Rural Team Ontario and their Community Rural Partnership program and with the activities of The Ontario Rural Council's Rural Research Committee.

Response: There is cross-over in membership on these two groups and the ORRSC. This facilitates the discussion about priorities of needs and allocation of resources.

Recommendation #3: To explore the common areas of interest between the Rural Research and Services Committee and the Agricultural Economics Research and Services Committee, especially with program reviews approaching in the next year.

Response: Some discussions have taken place and draft plans for sharing information and steps in the review process are under development.

6. Rural Research and Service Priorities

In 1998, the Committee set the following priorities for rural research and services:

- A. Economic Development: *The need to strengthen economic growth, entrepreneurship and business development in rural Ontario.*
- B. Response to Change and Restructuring: *The need to understand, facilitate and assist rural communities as they plan for and act in response to change and restructuring.*
- C. Capacity Building: *The need to understand community capacity building and enhance rural leadership, organization and community management.*
- D. Information Technology: *The need to understand the roles of and promote the availability and use of information technology in rural Ontario.*

The committee this year reflected on and confirmed the current priorities, after committee members presented the issues and information needs of their respective organization. The following discussion focussed on key or changing issues and gaps within the priority areas. Some changes were made in the priority of sub-topics within the priority areas.

The following is a list of the current research recommendations, in order of priority :

- A. Economic Development: *The need to strengthen economic growth and entrepreneurship in rural Ontario with a focus on regional development rather than business development. Environmental and social concerns should be integrated with economic development – not segregated. An "asset view" of rural, as an expanded view of economic development should be explored.*
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7. Discussion to Identify Emerging Issues, Trends and Gaps

EMERGING ISSUES	TRENDS	GAPS
• Definition of 'rural'	• difficult of attracting investment in rural research	• need market research to understand urban perception of rural and rural assets • the rural perceptions of managing rural space • attraction of living & working in rural Ontario
• level of uptake of service delivery through technology		• tool development to integrate/apply research results in TBL (triple bottom line i.e. environment, social and economical) for strategic planning;
• need to increase cross-ministry collaboration		• rural policy development
• how government policy affects how rural residents access capital		• research to determine which gov programs and what level of programming should go to 1- rural metro adjacent, 2-rural heartland & 3-remote areas
• perception / interface of agriculture, its issues and rural development		• research on alternative food systems, their impact on rural and labour requirements
• dissemination of research information to rural decision makers		• identification of determinants for predicting 'successful' communities
• use of conflict resolution to resolve issues such as water usage		• costs of telemedicines and telehealth
		• how government policy affects how rural residents access capital
		• perception and interface of agriculture and with rural development
		• community succession planning with youth & immigrants
		• future of communities post amalgamation
		• collaborative models of governance
		• scans re rural health delivery and followup on recommendations

		• implications of aging population on rural communities
		• data re nature of voluntarism
		• opportunities for Native youth to integrate with other youth
		• understand the needs of public housing in rural Ontario
		• need hard data about rural assets, infrastructure needs
		• why some rural areas attract youth



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Rural Economic Development Projects

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
23120	Harry Cummings	Assessing Community Economic Impact of Agricultural Exports	Examine the forward and backward linkages that are associated with small and medium enterprises in Huron County. The research will also work to determine the specific and general problems that inhibit the ability of these enterprises to develop and expand.	99/00 finished
23440	Don Reid	Rural Tourism: Best Practices to Maximize Economic and Social Benefits	To develop a framework for sustainable rural tourism based upon development needs, best practices while recognizing social, environmental and economic impacts. The framework will be designed to be used by rural municipalities in establishing and maintaining a local sustainable tourism destination.	99/02
23460	Robert Brown	Effects of Land Use Policy on Economic Potential of Rural Tourism in Southern Ontario	To identify desirable characteristics of rural landscapes among five stakeholder groups; develop best practice guidelines	99/02
23510	David Douglas	Toward More Effective Rural Economic Development in Ontario: An Integrated Analysis of Changing Municipal and Community Roles and Practices	This is an integrated applied research project designed to address fundamental problems and opportunities in the rapidly changing economy in rural Ontario.	99/02
25090	Ken Nentwig	Socio-economic Capacity for Horticultural Civic Beautification: A Model for Small Ontario Communities	Methods for, and parameters of, increasing the capacity of rural communities in their development processes and leadership capabilities are not entirely understood. This research will give insight into the workings of one particular project that is engaged in organizing community effort to enhance the quality of life through civic beautification. The efforts of this project - in Ridgetown, Ontario - have already been expanded from a pilot effort last year, and are being examined by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as a model for other similar localities.	00/03

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Rural Economic Development Projects con't:

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
25220	Ken Nentwig	Horticultural Industry Value-Added Business Statistics for Ontario	Farm-gate values for nursery, sod and greenhouse production are well documented through Statistics Canada and OMAFRA. These values do not, however, reflect the overall size and impact of the entire horticulture industry sectors in Ontario. Previous research (Project 21650) has determined a number of different manners of quantifying the value-added aspects beyond farm-gate (or wholesale) value, and a system for the collection and reporting of these statistics is in place. Carrying the system forward and implementing the survey format and reporting is proposed in this project.	00/04

Response to Change and Restructuring Projects:

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
23520	John Fitzgibbon	Managing Rural Communities in the New Millennium	This study will inventory and evaluate the progress that is being made by municipalities in dealing with the complex problems of restructuring of local government its mandate and financial basis of operation. It will identify the contextual constraints and opportunities that limit and support the initiative taken by municipalities and develop a strategic planning process and tactics that can be adapted to the context of the local municipality.	00/03
23540	John Smithers	Sustainable Rural Systems in Ontario: (Re) Linking Agriculture and Community in an Era of Change	This research is concerned with the evolving dynamics of farm and rural community interaction and with the potential for strategic rural development to promote mutual sustainability. Theoretical work will be used to gain an understanding of the general relationship between the key forces, processes and outcomes of change in agriculture and communities. Empirical work will be used to flesh-out theoretical insights and to ground them in local circumstances and prospects for sustainability.	99/03
24400	Tony Fuller, Ellen Wall	Social Capital in Rural Ontario: Opportunities and Impacts Related to Municipal Restructuring and Changes in Service Delivery	In collaboration with a national project investigating social cohesion in rural Canada, this research will focus on how recent jurisdictional amalgamations and withdrawal of provincial rural extension services are affecting the quality and quantity of social capital in specific rural Ontario communities	00/04

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Response to Change and Restructuring Projects can't

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
24440	Al Lauzon	Negotiating Rural Futures: A Study of the Relationship between Rural Communities and Boards of Education During Periods of School Consolidation	A) to study the relationship between Boards of Education and rural community groups during a period of school consolidation; b) to develop a model and a set of best practices for forming relationships between Boards of Education and rural communities and c) based on last years study findings, and the findings of this study, produce a video and study guide that could be used by rural communities and Boards of Education to form partnerships to best serve the interests and needs of all stakeholders This study will explore the background of the issue , collect socio-economic data in six rural communities, explore the issue with representations of each and in each of the selected communities and then develop a decision-making process that could be used by local communities with respect to rural school closures.	00/02
23450	Mark Waldron	Big School, Small School: A socio-economic decision making model concerning the future of rural schools in Ontario		99/00 finished

Capacity Building Projects:

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
23420	Al Lauzon	Developing a Conceptual Framework and Methodology for Studying Rural Communities as Learning Systems	This proposal is arguing that if successful interventions are to be made to assist rural communities in meeting the challenges of economic globalization then we need to understand rural communities as learning systems. The purpose of this proposal is to develop a conceptual framework/model of rural communities as learning systems.	99/00 finished
23500	Tony Fuller	Community Based Responses to Rural Transportation Issues in Ontario	The project will analyze the experiences of selected rural communities in Ontario to determine the efficiencies and effectiveness of community-based transportation planning, stimulated by the Community Transportation Action Program (CTAP) of the provincial government. Such experiences will be monitored and analyzed over a three-year period for their creative ideas, the community support structure, the spatial effectiveness, and their cost benefits.	99/02

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Capacity Building Projects con't:

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
23530	Barry Smit	Managing Change and Uncertainty in Farming and Rural Communities	This project focuses on changes associated with government support programs for farming, and their implications for agriculture-related rural communities. Shifts in the roles of government - part of globalization processes already underway in Canada and further advanced in some other countries - have the potential to seriously disrupt the viability of farming and hence the sustainability of associated rural communities.	99/03 terminated
23540	John Smithers	Sustainable Rural Systems in Ontario: (Re) Linking Agriculture and Community in an Era of Change	This research is concerned with the evolving dynamics of farm and rural community interaction and with the potential for strategic rural development to promote mutual sustainability. Theoretical work will be used to gain an understanding of the general relationship between the key forces, processes and outcomes of change in agriculture and communities. Empirical work will be used to flesh-out theoretical insights and to ground them in local circumstances and prospects for sustainability.	99/03
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25390	Dean Donaldson	Rural Restructuring's Impact on the Agricultural Communities Voice in Local Governance in Renfrew County	It is proposed that a comprehensive study be undertaken of Renfrew County, the largest geographic County in the Province of Ontario, with the objective of developing a report which would outline findings and proposed recommendations relative to insuring that the farm community maintains a voice in local governance consistent with the level of economic importance of the agricultural industry. The research will rely heavily upon having the access to staff and the co-operation of Renfrew County Council.	00/01 completed

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Information Technology Projects:

PROJECT #	LEADER	TITLE	PROJECT GOALS	START /END
2348C	Don Pletsch	PACTS for Rural Ontario: Partnerships, Accessibility and Connectivity Transformation Strategies for Rural Ontario	To develop innovative framework to assess the impact of telecommunication in rural Ont; to implement action research in association with rural communities, the private sector, public organizations and rural businesses	99/02

Appendix B – Special Research – Rural Projects

Rural Economic Development Projects:

PROJECT #	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LEAD	PROJECT GOALS	START/END
SR9002	Treatment of Municipal Wastewater in Rural Areas: The Alfred Pilot System	Claude Weil	To monitor and evaluate the performance of a constructed wetland system for treating municipal wastewater; to test slag as a medium to remove excess phosphorus; to provide guidelines for the construction of wastewater treatment constructed wetlands for Ontario.	04-Jan-99 to 31-Dec-00 completed
SR9018	Planning for the Future Development of the Niagara "On Farm" Wine Industry	Wayne Caldwell	To understand the dynamics of the "on-farm" wine industry and to evaluate the appropriateness of related provincial, regional and local planning policy.	01-Jun-99 to 31-May-00 Final report completed

Infrastructure and rural economic development projects:

PROJECT #	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LEAD	PROJECT GOALS	START/END
SR9021	Phosphorus Removal From Septic Wastewater	Chris Kinsley	To develop and on-site treatment system to remove phosphorus from septic wastewater	01-Jun-99 to 31-Mar-01 completed
SR9024	Activating the Rural Canada Bibliography Project	Mark Waldron	To establish the Rural Canada Bibliography Project as a useful research tool; to collect and preserve bibliographic information related to rural Ont/Canada; promote rural Ont/Canada through web site; provide inventories of past and on-going research. See http://www.uoguelph.ca/~rcb/about.htm	01-Jun-99 to 31-May-00 finished and web site active
SR9052	Maintaining Rural Road Infrastructure: Where are We Now, Where Do We Want to Go from Here?	Todd Gordon	Maintenance of rural roads is being influenced by several factors, including changed funding arrangements and the globalization of the agricultural sector. Many roads carry a great volume of agricultural, commercial and recreational traffic. This project's main purpose is to review and update changes affecting rural roads in Ontario and identify/consult with rural road stakeholders regarding rural road issues.	01-Jun-00 to 01-Feb-01 completed

Appendix B – Special Research – Rural Projects

Agricultural community – economic, social and environmental sustainability:

PROJECT #	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LEAD	PROJECT GOALS	START/END
SR9054	Economic Development and Social Capital: Linkages, Opportunities and Impacts for Rural Ontario Communities	Ellen Wall and David Connell	This project will build on the New Rural Economy project on Social Cohesion. The main goal is to examine the linkages between social capital and economic development so that both can be enhanced in rural Ontario communities as they undergo various forms of restructuring.	15-Jun-00 to 14-Jun-02
SR9053	Rural Non-Farm Development : Its impact on the Viability and Sustainability of Agricultural and Rural Communities	Dr. Wayne Caldwell	Agriculture has intensified while the number of rural non-farm lots has increased. We don't know the number of lots created or the impact on agriculture. The project will: create a database of the number of rural, non-farm lots created in rural Ontario during the 1990's; determine the relationship between current provincial policy & creation of rural; identify the impact these lots are having on the agriculture industry and review the impact on the viability & sustainability of agriculture in rural communities.	15-Jun-00 to 14-Jun-02
SR9066	Rural Community Research Inventory	Mark Waldron	The website is research tool which will enhance the efficiency of ongoing and future research for rural Ontario. It will produce an inventory database which will be merged with the Rural Canada Bibliography Association website in Sept 2000.	01-Oct-00 to 03-May-01 completed
SR9046	Sustainability in the Ontario Processed Vegetable Industry	Clarence Swanton and Ellen Wall	The vegetable processing industries impact on many rural communities in southwestern Ontario. The project will conduct a comprehensive analysis of the industry's sustainability for the future; identification of problem areas and opportunities for growth; recommended actions for the long term health of the vegetable processing industry.	01-Jun-00 to 31-May-01 Completed

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Appendix D – ONTARIO RURAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The whole OASCC system was reviewed in 1997-98. The review suggested that the Rural Development sub-committee of the Agricultural Economics Research and Services Co-ordinating Committee be removed from the Economics umbrella. Thus the Ontario Rural Community Development Research and Services Committee (ORCDRSC) was established in the fall of 1998. It was renamed the "Rural Research and Services Committee" in the fall of 1999.

Mandate:

To identify and prioritize future research and service needs which affect the sustainability of the economic, social and environmental conditions of rural Ontario as determined by Ontario rural stakeholders.

Membership:

- Rural community development practitioners
- Three levels of government (Municipal, Provincial and Federal)
- Researchers

Terms:

- To assess and establish priorities for rural economic development research and service programs
- To communicate and discuss on-going rural research with respect to objectives, procedures and results
- To recommend institutions which, or individuals who, could effectively be responsible for particular research and service needs
- For members to be responsible for gathering research and service needs of the organizations that they represent
- To liaise with the Economics Research and Services Committee for greater effectiveness and efficiency
- To report annually to OASCC summarizing the prioritized needs for rural research and recommendations on resource use and allocations